given during the Sessions shown against them:

(1) Statement No. XIV Hundred-Twenty-Seventh Session, 1983. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1392/85.]

(2) Statement No. X Hundred-Twenty-Ninth Session, 1984. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1393/85.]

(3). Statement No. IX Hundred-Thirtieth Session, 1984. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1394/85.]

(4) Statement No. VIII Hundred-Thirty-First Session, 1984. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1395/85.]

(5) Statement No. V Hundred-Thirty-Second Session 1985. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1396/85.]

(6) Statement No. IV Hundred-Thirty-Third Session. 1985. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1397/85.]

(7) Statement No. II Hundred-Thirty-Fourth Session, 1985. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—1398/85.]

(8) Statement No. I Hundred-Thirty-Fifth Session, 1985. [Placed in Library. See No. LT—1399/85.]

Notification of the Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table:—

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Law and Justice. (Legislative Department), Notification S.O. No. 610(E), dated the 19th August, 1985 appointing 2nd day of October, 1985, as the day on which the Dowry Prohibition (Amendment) Act, 1984, shall come into force.

[Placed in Library] *See* No. LT—1382/85.]

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department), Notification G.S.R. No. 664(E), dated the 19th August, 1985, publishing the Dowry Prohibition (Maintenance of Lists of Presents to the Bride and Bridegroom) Rules, 1985, under sub-section (2) of section 9 of the Dowry Prohibition Act. 1961. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1383/85]

REFERENCE TO THE DISCCRIMINATION AGAINST OPPOSITION LEADERS IN THE MATTER OF ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR ATTENDING SANT HARCHAND SINGH LONGOWAL'S FUNERAL— Contd.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Is the Defence Minister prepared to say anything on what Mr. Dipen Ghosh said ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): Mr. Chairman, so far as I am concerned, I am prepared to clarify. Mr. Advani is here and he will bear me out. On that unfortunate day in the morning he telephoned to me and made a request for a plane to be made available to several members of the Opposition and leaders of Opposition who wanted to go and attend the funeral. He told me that a Vayudoot plane would be all right or any plane which would accommodate that number. I told him I would immediately get in touch with the Minister of State for Civil Aviation and see what could be done. I got in touch with my colleague in the Civil Aviation and told him; evidently, Mr. Advani had already contacted him but he was not able to speak to him personally. So I spoke to him and gave the message, and, therefore, the matter was not referred back to me for anything on any account. So I was satisfied that all arrangements necessary, all arrangements asked for were being made which I also personally checked up with him when we met in the House briefly. When I was on the point of going, we decided at the last

moment that we could take a helicopter from here. We were told that the helicopter could land in that village directly so that we could come back immediately. But later on we were told that there is no helipad there. So, we had to go and land at Sangrur and from there go by car to the village which we eventually did. When we were about to start, one Member from this House, Mr. Moopanar, made a request that if there is any accommodation in the helicopter he would like a lift from me. I made enquiries and I was told that there was accommodation for one or two. So I carried him in the helicopter which I can do in the case of any Member of this House or any Member of the other House. Another Member, Shrimati Bajpayee. had left earlier for that place by a commercial flight but while coming back we all met there and she wanted if I could accommodate her and bring her back to Delhi. This precisely is what has happened. Beyond that I cannot say anything.

पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अशोक गहलौत) : मान्यवर, जैसा अभी श्री नरसिंह राव जी ने सदन को बताया, आडवाणी जी का जब मेरे से सम्पर्क हुआ तो मैंने उनसे आग्रह किया था कि अपोजीशन के जो भी लीडर जाना चाहते हैं उनके संबंध में मैंने उस समय की परिस्थिति को देखते हुए इंडियन एयरलाइन्स और वायुदूत सेवा को निर्देश दिया कि ऐसे मौके पर चाहे अपोजीशन के मेम्बर हों, चाहे कोई और पार्टी के मेम्बर हों, उन सब के जाने के लिए एक प्लेन का इंतजाम किया जाय। उसी बेसिस पर मैंने [illegible] को सूचित कर दिया था कि [illegible] इस और वायुदूत की कोई भी सर्विस एक्स्ट्रा, कहना चाहिए, चार्टर्ड के रूप में किराया चार्ज न कर नामिनल चार्ज पर ले जाने के लिए तैयार है। उसी बेसिस पर एक प्लेन भेजा गया। किन परिस्थितियों में प्लेन वहां से लौट आया उसके बारे में जो माननीय सदस्य उसमें गये थे वे जानते हैं। जिन माननीय सदस्यों ने यह सवाल उठाया है उन्होंने स्वयं कहा है कि पायलेट उस वक्त मौजूद नहीं था। आप खुद समझ सकते हैं कि अचानक कोई निर्णय किया जाता है तो हो सकता है कि वहां पायलेट उस वक्त न हो। उसके बाद पायलेट बुला लिया गया था, लेकिन वह नाइट उड़ान के लिए सक्षम नहीं था। इसलिए हो सकता है कि कोई तकलीफ हुई हो। उस तकलीफ के लिए मुझे दुःख है और हम कोशिश करेंगे कि उसकी पूरी इन्क्वायरी करें और सदन के सामने फिर से रख सकें।

MR. CHAIRMAN: The matter is closed now. The matter would not have come up at all if the newspapers had not reported that the Opposition was left out. No more discussion on it.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: (Madhya Pradesh): My name was mentioned. I wish to say something...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Does not matter. I do not want to carry this any further.

Now, Mr. N. K. Bhatt to lay on the Table a copy of the Reports and Minutes of the Committee on Public Undertakings.

REPORTS AND MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT (Madhya Pradesh): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports and Minutes of the Committee on Public Undertakings:—

(i) First Report on action taken by Government on the recommendations contained in Ninety-second Report of the Committee (Seventh Lok Sabha) on National Thermal Power Corporation Limited.

(ii) Second Report on action taken by Government on the recommendations contained in the Ninety-first Report of the Committee (Seventh Lok Sabha) on Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited.